WASHINGTON

Important Congressional Proceedings Yesterday.

Great Britain's Refusal to Settle Our Claims for Rebel Piracy Damages.

Proposed Non-Intercourse With and Withdrawal of Our Minister from England.

Jeff. Davis' Harly Trial for Assassination Recommended.

A New Presidential Mansion Contemplated.

Debates in Both Houses on Negro Suffrage in the District of Columbia.

Lawyers' Test Oath.

Thad Stevens Proposes the Repeal of the

The Newspaper Standers Regarding Mrs. Lincoln.

er Three Hundred Millions in Covernment Bounties Paid to Volunteers.

PROCERDINGS IN THE SENATE.

te to-day showed greater inclina ved with more insignificant results, than has tran

SLANDERQUE CHARGES AGAINST MRS. LINCOLN us, noticed one of the New York News' slag From the evidence adduced he was confident that, with the exception of one article, none of the public property had been removed by having been taken by Mrs. Lincoln with the full knowledge sioner of Public Buildings. It was an article in probably worth a hundred and afty dollars money value. bers of the committee Mr. Kasson explained that he spoke only for himself, and did not claim to give th riews of the committee. Stevens and others impliedly

THE NEGRO SUPPRAGE QUESTION IN THE DISTRICT Mr. Kasson made an excellent speech on the Negro Suffrage bill this afternoon. He is not disposed to g the whole figure of the bill, as it was reported, but is in favor of a reading qualification for negro as well as other voters in this District. Mr. Price, one of his colleagues, instructed that Mr. Kasson did not fairly represent the Tifth district of Issue. These radicals insist that no man can fairly represent the sentiment of the people of their The discussion of this negro suffrage is getting to be quite a bore in the the floor for to morrow, and several other gentlemen are primed with speeches manufactured expressly for the

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS TO-MORROW NIGHT.

A lively session is expected in the republican causes o-morrow night. The moderate portion of the party succeeded in carrying their measures at its meeting last Wednesday night, but Thad Stevens and his cohorts are railying to renew the encounter, and boast openly of their intention and ability to turn the tables completely on those they term their "weak-kneed brethren." The amittee of nine appointed previously to report to the taining to the deliberations of that committee, will probably present a budget of information which has hitherto been carefully guarded from the public ear by

It appears from an official statement that the total \$300 or \$100 bounty during the war was 1,730,340,

The Proposition to Equalize the Rounties of ALL SOLDIES.

In answer to an inquiry by General Schenck, Chairman of the Military Committee, respecting a proposed law equalising the bounties of all soldiers who served during the war to suppress the rebellion, the Psymaster General says the sum required to pay each soldier or his representative enough to bring up his bounty to \$400 (the largest sum paid) is nearly \$653,000,000, and the sum required to pay each soldier such highest bounty in proportion to the time of service is \$550,000,000. The Psymaster General says the sums entirested as a second

ble at the present crisis without entailing financial ruin. In turther argument against the measure he says it is certain that, to a greater extent than is now apprehended, such legislation will inure to the benefit of spec petus and opports

Western Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware,

Judge Field, of the Supreme Court, claims to have found a letter among his mail night before last contain-

THE NEW YORK COLLECTORSHIP.

Applicants for the New York Collectorship still in-crease. Judge E. P. Cowles, delegate to the Fremont Convention at Cleveland in 1864, has submitted his claims for the place, and the venerable but ubiquitous Birans Waferidge is here, working like a beaver for the

PERSONAL. has been assigned, temporarily, to the command of the Department of Georgia.

Colonel P. P. Brown, Seventh regiment Veteran Volum of Philadelphia and the detachments immediately adja-

In the Supreme Court of the United States to day, Mr.

Wilkes Angel, of New York, was admitted as an attorney REMONSTRANCE AGAINST THE PETITION OF THE PREE TRADE LEAGUE.

A remonstrance has been addressed to Congress by the American Rome Labor Lengue against the petition remonstrants say they represent to a large extent the merce, and they most respectfully dissent from the relations which exist among mankind that are expressed

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United States District Allowing,—Lawrence Welden, for the Southern district of Hinole: A. Q. Keasby, for the district of New York; Augustus B. Grawold, for the Methed of New York; Augustus B. Grawold, for the Western district of Michigan; Caleb Baidwin, for the district of Iowa; Will am J. Jones, for the district of Wissonem, Wingate Hayes, for the district of February and J. B. B. Coggewell, for the district of Wissonem, Wingate Hayes, for the district of February and D. C. Dennison, for the Western district of February and D. C. Dennison, for the Methed Island; R. B. Carnohan, for the Western district of February and Commission, for the Gentrict of Connecticut; John Hanna, for the district of Indiana; F. G. Bradford, for the district of Delaware; Charies W. Rand, for the district of New Hampshire, George F. Talbot, for the district of Membranisher, George F. Talbot, for the district of Manne; J. Buckey, for the district of Manne; Joseph R. Jones, for the New Hampshire, George F. Talbot, for the District of Columbia; Charies Clark, for the district of Manne; Joseph R. Jones, for the Northern district of Hinose; Daniel R. Goodler, Charles Clark, for the district of Manne; Joseph R. Jones, for the Northern district of Hinose; Daniel R. Goodler, for the district of North Carolina.

Mizellanetus—Robert B. Mitchell, of Kansus, to be Governor of the Territory of New Mexico; William R. Gale, of New York, to be Associate Justice of Iohn, to be Secretary of the Territory; David L. Philips, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern district of Illinois; Spain, And to be Deputy Postmassters—Edward Whatey at Prairie du Chien, Wis.; Edwin Shaw at Fall River, Mass., and Abijah M. Ide at Taunton, Mes.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES CHARS-

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The anniversary meeting of the United States Chris tian Commission takes place in the Ball of Represents tives on Sunday evening, February 11.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

First Session.

BENATE.

WARISTOPON, Jan. 16, 1966, 109 OF ARRY OFFICERS.

The bill was referred to the Military Committee.

for fixing the strength and providing for the organization of the army on a peace basis. It contains some amend-ments made since first offered. It provides for five regi-ments of artillery, twelve of cavalry and fifty-five of infantry. Of the new regiments of infantry ten shall be of colored troops and of the Veterin Reserves.

The bill was, or motion, recommitted to the Military

tons of officers. Passed,
facilitates or consistent externs the etates.

Mr. Nus. (rep.) of Newada, called up a bill to needitate pental, commercial and initiary commendation between the States, with an amendment from the Committee on Commerce providing that the bill shall not interfere with any contract now existing between the government and any railroad.

Mr. Foot, (rep.) of Vt., apole in favor of the bill, and argued that tempress had a constitutional right to passe such a measure. Quoning from several authorities on the solgiest, he held that the right to regulate commerce between the saveral States belonged to Compress a mode as the right to requisite intercourse netween the United States and forigin nations or between the United States and the indien tribes.

THE LIGHTLY FRANCIESS IN THE DESTRICT OF COLUMNA. Mr. Moranta, (rep.) of Me., at the conclusion of Mr. Foot's specela, moved to take up the bill to regulate the elective tranchise in the District of Columbia. The bill confers the right of antifuge upon all male persons of the enty-one years and upwards who have resided one year in the District before the election, and presentes punishment for interfering with the execution of the elective franchise in the case of any person or persons.

Mr. Davis, (dem.) of Ky., said he proposed to debate the above, and asked that it be postponed till to morrow, Mr. Tenerica, (rep.) of Ill., said that the Freedmen's Bureau bill was the order of the day for to morrow, and he should main upon taking it up at that time.

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***MILONAL MILITARY AND SAVAL MILITAR.

Mr. Will on called up the bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate a national military and naval asylum for the relief of totally disabled officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States."

It provides that Ulysses S. Grant and others named in the bill are hereby constituted and created a body corporate in the District of Columbia; that the said corporation shall have authority to procure for early use, at suitable places, sites for military asylums for all persons serving in the war of the rebellion, not provided for by existing laws, who have been, or may hereafter be, disqualified from procuring their own maintenance and export by reason of wounds or sickness contracted in the service.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WARRINGTON, Jan. 15, 1866.

On motion of Mr. BLANE, (rep.) of Me., it was MANUARY PORTION AND CONDITION OF THE PRESIDENT MANUAR.

Resolved. That the Committee on Public Buildings as Grounds be and they are hereby instructed to casmi into the condition of the Presidential manning are casmi into the condition of the Presidential manning as regardentials of the Committee of the Committee of the Presidential Notation as regardented for the resident and he family and of the Committee of the President and he family and in president and he family can be president and he astimates and area and that hey resort anch actimates and recommend from touching the subject hereby referred to as they me decemp president president.

Mr. Delano, (rep.) of Ohio, presented the erodentials of William Ryers as member of the House from the State of Arkaneas; also the memorial of William Ryers, G. E. Kyle and James M. Johnson claiming scate as

THE OUTRADBOOK CRAUGE OF A COPTERBEAD PAPER ACAPTER

threase of the browledge of the treth.

Mr. Braispas.—Did the gestleman speak for the committee or for himself?

Mr. Kamon.—I spoke not only for myself, but as a man to detend the character of a defenceless woman.

Mr. Aravam.—What the gentleman stated was his own conclusion; but he did not state what are the conclusions of the committee.

Mr. Kasen.—I presume the gentleman does not mean to my that the result of the committee is different from what I stated?

Mr. Haven.—I do not propose to say anything further than that the statement is deemed improper, as the gentleman is not the voice of the committee.

Mr. Kasen.—I made the statement as one person engaged in the eramination.

THE Months occurrates openerous is van instance.

The Months environd the consideration of the bill preposing to extend enfrage in the District of Columbia, by striking out the word "white" where it appears in the laws and ordinance.

Mr. Kaspos reprired to the speech of Mr. Ecitey, hereto.

A national bank has been organized at Galiceston. a 50c. Corif active; sales at 31 15 a \$1 17%. Molanes

News from Cairo.

Came, Jan. 14, 1865. Tarelve hundred and seventy balts of sotion passed The Mobile and Ohio Bullroad have commenced run-

Nashville Cotton Market.

Naturalize Jan. 15, 1866.

Cotton firmer. Prices range from 55c. a 42c for moddling. Recents and shipments light. Corn less advanced
to 90c. Market firm. The oil excitement is on the increase here. A great yield is expected from the oil reglone near Burkesville.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

The Senate met at seven o'clock this evening.

NOTICES OF BILLS. the Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company. By Mr. HENNETT-To increase the ralary of John Mc

By Mr. Pansons-To sholish all laws relative to the present canal contract system. By Mr. Pastr-For a railroad from Platteburg south on

By Mr. Scourse-For amond the assessment laws relative to non-residents.

By Mr. Lassy-To amond the assessment laws relative to non-residents.

By Mr. Lassy-To extendethe time for the construction of the Southside Railroad.

By Mr. Pusson-For the care of idle and trust the dream in Brooklyn.

Atmany, Jan. 15, 1966.

The SPRAKER apposited the following Committee on Joint Rules .- Meurs. Littlejohn, Seiden, Cochrane, Pal

By Mr. SHERMAN - For State aid to the Albany and Sun

By Mr. Wign-Relative to the inconcentration of the clinton Prison.

By Mr. J. L. Panaras—That the New York city tax lary shall be reported by the 18th day of March and praided immediately thereafter, and made the spectral order for the 1st day of April or some day prior thereas, immediately after the reading of the journal. Referred to the Commutate on Jone Roles.

Adjourned until eleven a clock to merrow.

SHIPWRECKS.

Wreck of the Brig Neva-Seven Lives

She was detained several days by heavy

the Merchants' Exchange, at noon to-day, to take some suitable action in regard to the gallant conduct of Captain

Pire in Dunne Street.

The Pire in Ward School No. 33. We have been required to publish the following said, exaggerated reports it the damage done by the fire hav-

ing got into cremiation:

When Second No. 21, 1
New York, blooder, Jan 15, 1805.
The fire at this scheenlooks to day was telvior in its character. No damage was done to the building, hough is a dorseroom on the basement floof. The actived was diemiced questly and in order, and no person was injured in the least.

(Perk of Board of Trusteen. At eight o'clock on Similar evening a are broke out in the famor goods store of Philip Arction, No. 431 Union-

bis street, cannot by an overheaded sures. Damage much about \$2,000; herered for \$2,000. Damage building about \$500; abouted. Fire in Binghamton.

On Sunday morning, as four o'clock, a fire was disc ered to the liquor stere of John Ne Namers, on the east side of Commercial avenue, Dinghainfon, New York, Before the fames were checked the entire building, in which were three stores, was totally destroyed. The fire in believed to have been the work of an infire is believed to have been the work of an in-cendury. The room of C. insert in the building was robbed before the fire was kindled. The building was owner-by tyrus strong, whose less is three thomsand del-lary; inserted. The following are also insert—John McNamara, leptors, \$2,500; inserted for \$1,500. Doubleday A Craft, four dealers, \$1,000; fully inserted. South well & Mayo, provisions and empiring paper, \$4,000; inserted. \$1,000. Charles littart, guessouth, \$500; fully inserted. The Enghamton Heart Stand led a room in the build-ing, and lost all their instruments. No instrument.

Pire at Dawrge. Obward, Jan. 18, 1866. The randeline of J. B. Edwards, Em., in this city, was betally destroyed by fire last night. Loss from 28,000 to \$10,000. It was matted.

Fire at Talladega, Ala.

New ORLEANS, Jan. 18. 1

A large fire at Talladega had destroyed \$10.000

Burning of the Steamboat James Chrise topher.

Aboutta, Ga., Jan 14, 1666
The steamboat James Christopher, with 566 Dide of cotton, was burned one hundred miles from familiar Ga., on Saturday.